

Remarks

Applicants maintain as pertinent the entirety of their previous submission of June 8, 2006 in response to the Office Action mailed March 8, 2006. That response is incorporated herein by reference.

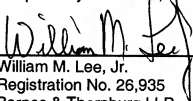
In addition to the previous submission, applicants submit herewith a Rule 132 Declaration of an expert, Julian Mitchell, that traverses the Examiner's rejection of the independent claims over the combination of Schuster and Huitema and the combination of Xu and Huitema. Mr. Mitchell, although also an inventor herein, clearly and thoughtfully has refuted the continuing rejections as an expert.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance, and such action is requested.

An appropriate Petition for Extension of Time is also submitted herewith.

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Respectfully submitted,



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